

and 4 other crewmembers were safely evacuated;

Whereas the crewmembers of U.S. Airways Flight 1549 and the first responders, ferry operators, and tugboat drivers of New York City played critical roles in ensuring that the passengers and crewmembers on the airplane were expeditiously taken to safety, and that there were no fatalities in the accident;

Whereas Chesley Sullenberger III, Jeffrey Skiles, U.S. Airways Flight 1549 crewmembers, and the first responders, ferry operators, and tugboat drivers of New York City are true American heroes and are deserving of the praise and gratitude of the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes and honors Chesley Sullenberger III, Jeffrey Skiles, the crewmembers and passengers of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, and the first responders, ferry operators, and tugboat drivers of New York City for their heroic efforts in the safe emergency landing of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, which saved 155 lives.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m., Tuesday, January 20; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR MERKLEY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is nice to see the Presiding Officer. I know presiding over the Senate is a unique experience. This is his first time. But hav-

ing had legislative experience in the State of Oregon, being in a legislative chamber is not new to the Senator. He has an exemplary record in the State of Oregon, working his way through the system, becoming Speaker of the Assembly. The State of Oregon and the country is very fortunate to have the Senator now representing the State of Oregon and the country in the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:52 p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 3 p.m.